

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 21 November 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10, 12-14, 16-27, 37, 38, 40-51 and 61-91.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

In view of Applicant's Amendment received 21 November 2005, amendments to the claims have been entered. Claims 9, 11, and 36 are canceled. Claims 1-8, 10, 12-35, and 37-91 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas Williams on December 07, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 15, 28-35, 39, and 52-60.

Claim 1, line 8, after "nail plate" added --having a plurality of teeth extending from a side--.

Claim 10, line 3, after "first end" added --, wherein the connector block has a recessed portion adapted to receive a portion of the first truss member when the first truss member is positioned in a folded position with respect to the connector block--.

Claim 16, line 1, "15" has been changed to --10--.

Claim 17, line 1, "15" has been changed to --10--.

Claim 19, line 1, "15" has been changed to --10--.

Claim 37, line 6, after “first end” added --, wherein the connector block has a recessed portion adapted to receive a portion of the first truss member when the first truss member is positioned in a folded position with respect to the connector block--.

Claim 40, line 1, “39” has been changed to --37--.

Claim 41, line 1, “39” has been changed to --37--.

Claim 43, line 1, “39” has been changed to --37--.

Claim 70, line 5, after “block” added --the intermediate member comprising a nail plate having a plurality of teeth extending from a side--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-14, 16-27, 37-38, 40-51, and 61-91 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

With respect to claims 1-8, and 70-87, the prior art of the record does not show or suggest the nail plate having a plurality of teeth extending from a side. With respect to claims 10, 12-14, 16-27, 37-38, 40-51, 61-69, and 88-91, the connector block has a recessed portion adapted to receive a portion of the first truss member when the first truss member is positioned in a folded position with respect to the connector block.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nahid Amiri whose telephone number is (571) 272-8113. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (571) 272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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